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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN/ALGERIAN DISAGREEMENT ON CONCESSIONARY OIL
PRICES

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1. OFFER MADE BY NIGERIA AT ECA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE TO SELL CRUDE OIL AT CONCESSIONARY PRICES TO QTE SISTER AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNQTE (REPORTED NAIROBI 1759) DREW CRITICISM OF LEADER ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE, COMMERCE MINISTER YAKER. IN PRESS CONFERENCE FEB. 28, YAKER CALLED NIGERIAN OFFER QTE UNWORKABLE UNQTE AND CRITICIZED NIGERIA FOR ITS UNILATERAL ACTION SAYING QTE THE PROBLEM WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED BY OPEC FOR A COMMON STAND TO BE TAKEN BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. UNQTE

2. REMARKS BY YAKER PROMPTED REJOINDER BY HEAD OF NIGERIAN DELEGATION, VICTOR ADEGOROYE, NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO ADDIS, AT LATTER'S MARCH 3 AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING NAIROBI PRESS REPORT, QTE HE CRITICIZED THE ALGERIAN COMMERCE MINISTER...WHO CLAIMED AT A RECENT NAIROBI PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE (NIGERIAN) OFFER WAS NOT WORKABLE...UNQTE PRESS REPORT CONTINUES, QTE MR. ADEGOROYE CLAIMED THAT THE ARAB OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS WERE SELLING THEIR OIL AT CONCESSIONARY RATES TO THEIR FELLOW ARABS AND THAT WAS WHY NIGERIA HAD DECIDED TO FOLLOW SUIT TO SAVE THE NEAR-COLLAPSING AFRICAN ECONOMIES. UNQTE

3. IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO THEME YAKER HARPED ON DURING CONFERENCE THAT PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IN AFRICAN ECONOMIES CAUSED BY EXPLOITATION BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES NOT BY INCREASED OIL PRICES, QTE MR. ADEGOROYE SAID THAT THE ALGERIAN MINISTER AND HIS GOVERNMENT WERE ENTITLED TO THEIR OPINIONS, BUT THE FACT WAS THAT BLACK AFRICA HAD BEEN BADLY HIT BY THE OIL SQUEEZE AND MUST BE HELPED. UNQTE

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES REMARKS BY ADEGOROYE QUOTED PARA 3 ABOVE MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT FEELINGS OF MAJORITY OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES AT ECA CONFERENCE THAT DOES YAKER'S
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EXPLOITATION THEME, ALTHOUGH YAKER'S TACTICS CERTAINLY CREATED APPEARANCE OF SUPPORT. THIS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ABOUT CAUSE OF CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, IF ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP MORE FULLY, COULD SERVE TO DAMPEN IMPACT QTE ALGERIAN STRATEGY UNQTE TO DOMINATE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS BETWEEN NOW AND 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA.
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